Supply of copies of all orders relating to Stamp Law to the public.

11-10 a.m. * 1099 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTA PAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state why copies of the proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Government Orders and the opinions of the Advocate-General relating to Stamp Law are not granted to the public?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government grant copies of their records to the public only in cases in which, in their opinion, there is no objection to do so. The purpose for which the applicant requires the copy is also one of the factors they take into account in deciding whether a copy can be granted or not. They do not grant copies of records which are not intended for communication to the public and are intended only for departmental use."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, these Board proceedings, etc., referred to in this question are very necessary for the ordinary layman to ascertain the stamp fee he will have to pay. In the public interest, the stamp fee should be made known instead of being allowed to be mystified by the Sub-Registrars and District Registrars. Would Government see that laws, rules and things which vitally affect the interests of the people and which the public should know, are circularized and publicized instead of being kept as a hidden secret?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, in most cases, copies are available. Only in cases where they are meant exclusively for departmental use, they are not given to the public. Anyway, I shall examine the matter further."

Extension of B.C.G. Vaccination to mufassal stations.

* 1100 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether B.C.G. Vaccination has been extended to mufassal stations; and

(*b*) if so, when and where?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The proposal for the extension of the B.C.G. Vaccination to mufassal stations in the State is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, to a similar question in the last session, the Hon. Minister for Health was pleased to say that the question was ' under consideration.' Now also it is said the matter is under consideration. May I know how long it will take to consider the matter?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no Budget provision for this scheme and it is not in the Five-Year Plan. It is a new service and so it has to go before the Cabinet."